# Nay'dini'aa Na' Kayax Hwnic Giligagge CHICKALOON NATIVE VILLAGE NEWS



#### **GRADUATION 2021**

This year we were able to hold an in-person graduation ceremony! The weather was great and we had the ceremony outside. There were 21 snakaey (children) in the 2020-2021 school year from pre-kindergarten through 11th grade.

# Congratulations to all the Ya Ne Dah Ah students on all their ugheldze ghitnaa' (hard work)!



**Graduation Dance Entrance** 

Graduation Dance by young snakaey and teachers









Flowers that were handed out



Beaded necklaces that were handed out



Blankets that were given to young women



## Administration & Accounting Department

Administration & Accounting Department 907-745-0749

Offices are open to the Public Monday through Friday 9:00 AM—5:00 PM

#### **Current Council Members**

Chief Gary Harrison—Chairman
Shawna Larson—Vice Chairwoman
Philip Ling—Secretary
Doug Wade—Treasurer
Kari Shaginoff—Member
Sondra Shaginoff—Member
Lisa Wade—(Sabbatical)

## **Acting Executive Director**

Lisa Wade Irwade@chickaloon-nsn.gov Cell 907-982-7541

## **Council Meeting Schedule**

Executive Session—Third Wednesday of each month

Departmental Business Session—Fourth Wednesday of each month

#### **Education Department**

## **Culture Camp Fun**





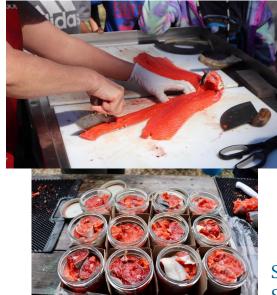














Snakaey had a great time at camp! See everyone next year!!

#### Braided River Festival — decolonizing days

In 2021, Chickaloon provided a great example of inclusion to help celebrate all the people who help make Nuutah (Palmer) a great place to live, work, and play. The Alaska Native Marketplace and educational activities were located at the Palmer Depot, in the middle of all the festivities. Everyone had an opportunity to learn more about the Mat-Su Photovoice Project and post a hand written comment or drawing of what they like about their town.









## Chickaloon Spirit—Katherine Wade, page 15

Elders and Clan Responsibility

Making sure the Clan don't make themselves look like a bunch of idiots; intervene whenever you see someone is heading that way. It is our duty to see that each one of us is respectable, kind, loving, and understanding. Listen and take heed to others that try to make you a better person.

I have gotten many scoldings from my Aunt Mary whenever I got out of line, up until she passed away. She was my Elder and I respected her views. This is the way a Tribe functions.

If I am the Clan Elder, you must respect what I say and no disrespectful back-talking when I tell you something I've always tried to be fair-minded. I don't unnecessarily pick on anyone for nothing. If anyone gets a scolding from me, they got it coming. It's for their own good to make them a better person. Anyone should feel honored to be scolded by an Elder. That means you are important to the Tribe.

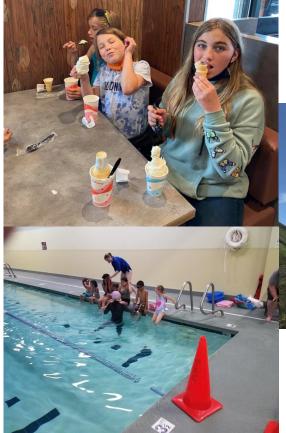
They used to say, "Be thankful when one of our family reprimands you for something. That means they love you, because we're not all perfect. Nobody claim to be perfect." Don't get pooched up whenever your relative tries to talk some sense into you. Take it and think about it. It's not easy for someone to reprimand a person. Not an easy job. But if you love them, you have to take that chance of being ridiculed by the one you're trying to help.

Usually when somebody gets way out of line, you don't just jump on them right then and there. You talk it over with your Elders, your smart people, the ones that care about the Tribe. Ask if they think they need reprimanding, discuss that situation, feel good about that.

#### **Summer Activities**

#### School Fun

Miss Rebecca Hobbs has been keeping the snaekey (children) busy with learning and fun during summer school.





Tsin'aen Miss Rebecca for all the fun you are providing to the snakaey this summer!



#### Fishwheels in Action—Chitina and Tazlina

Nek'eltaeni (Creator) has blessed us with the availability of two fishwheels to use this summer, one in Chitina and the other in Tazlina. From the Chitina location we were able to gather 20 łuk'ae (salmon) that we needed for this year's culture camp activities. The łuk'ae gathered at both locations allows us to provide for our Elders by koht'aen ke'dozolts'ii (living Native traditions).

Tsin'aen to Kari Shaginoff and Ben Meyer for their ugheldze' ghitnaa' (good work) by driving to and from the locations, operating the wheels, and processing the fish.









#### **Environmental Stewardship Department**

## ESD participates in Braided River Festival—decolonization days



#### **ESD Nationally**



Museum Specialist, Selena Ortega-Chiolero will be the new Vice-Chair for the Native American Archives Section of the Society of American Archivists. It is a three-year position that involves leading conversa-

tions and coordinating programs that support Indigenous communities' access to cultural materials housed in outside repositories and also educating non-Tribally affiliated organizations and institutions about how to collaborate and work with the source communities.



#### ESD at an Archeological Site



Onsite with Katie Krasinksi, Fran Seager-Boss, Angie Wade, Geneviveve Dolfi, Almeria Alcantra, and Rain Wade, who took the photo

## Facilities & Housing Department

## **Housing Grants**

The BIA Housing Improvement Program (HIP) is a Housing Grant Program to help eligible American Indians or Alaska Natives renovate or build new houses. Please check out BIA.gov website for more details:

https://www.bia.gov/bia/ois/dhs/housing-improvement-program

There is no deadline to submit an application. You can turn in your application year around to your Tribe and they will forward to the BIA office. The more households that apply, would increase BIA funding for our service area.

If you are a Tribal Citizen OR an American Indian/Alaska Native that resides or wishes to reside in our service area, turn your completed BIA Housing Application in to our Administration office at 9255 N Glenn Highway, in Palmer.

Applications are available on the BIA.gov website or contact Samantha Ange, Facilities Director by email at: <a href="mailto:smange@chickaloon-nsn.gov">smange@chickaloon-nsn.gov</a>

#### Health & Social Services Department

#### **Elders Lunch**

Elders Lunch has resumed but at limited capacity so attendees have sufficient space to visit with others but not be crowded. If you would like to attend, please contact Dorothy Boatright at 907-745-0704.





#### **Department Director**

Philip Ling is the new Health and Services Director. His love for the Tribe will be a great asset to the department. He will retain his Council position as Secretary.

Photo is his family at Crazy Horse Memorial Monument they visited while in South Dakota.

Health & Social Services Department 907-745-0704

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### Justice Department Tribal Court 907-745-0700

Offices are open to the public at this time to assist Tribal Citizens with IDs, membership letters, or provide court forms.

Monday through Friday

9:00 AM—5:00 PM

IF AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

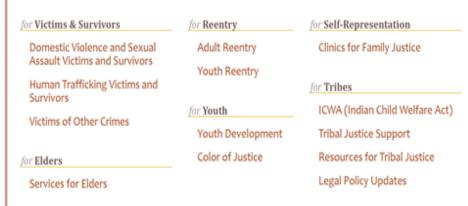


## Justice Department & Tribal Court

Chickaloon Village Traditional Council and the Tribal Court are working with the Alaska Native Justice Center (ANJC) to provide for the legal needs of CVTC and our Tribal Citizens.

ANJC's office is located at 3600 San Jeronimo Drive, Suite 346, Anchorage, Alaska, 99508. They have a new website, https://anjc.org/, to further explain their connections to the community.

Below is a snapshot of their topics of specific services. You are welcome to contact them at 907-793-3550 or if needing to call collect then 907-793-3558 or email at anjcinfo@anjc.net



#### **Transportation Department**

#### My Journey by Kaylan Wade, Assistant to the Department Director



I hope this story of my trials and tribulations might inspire others to better themselves, as my story would not have been written the same without the inspiration I found in others.

I graduated from Palmer High School in 2011. There I found my passion for the geospatial sciences in my junior and senior years while working at completing the then new ESRI/Digital Quest S.T.A.R.S. program. The program aimed at getting youth involved in GIS and the geospatial sciences in general. It worked! In my last semester in the program, I made a connection through a local guest speaker and landed an internship working for Terrasond Ltd. based in Palmer. Accordingly I began to look into options for pursuing post-secondary education involving the field.

It was only with an endless amount of financial and emotional support from friends, family, our Tribe (Chickaloon Village), CIRI, and the State of Alaska that I was able to move forward. I began working towards my bachelors of science in Geomatics with an emphasis on spatial analysis and remote sensing at the University of Alaska Anchorage that fall (2011). It was not at all without hiccups and growing pains along the way. College is not an easy mountain to summit. Sometimes your best isn't enough. Sometimes your papers come

back with a failing grade when you thought for sure you were writing at the top of your class. I knew that whatever came of each bump in the road I had better keep moving on, knowing a better life was waiting once I had that degree in my hands.

During my time at the University I worked summers, and winter breaks wherever I could. I continued to work for Terrasond Ltd. until summer 2013. My last job with the company was the most exciting. We completed a bathymetric survey contract for NOAA near the red dog mine facilitated by a 105 foot research vessel and her crew.

In summer 2014, I was fortunate enough to land a position working in CVTC's transportation department as a GIS intern. That summer, I completed a multi-campus mapping project for the Tribe, and other various miscellaneous tasks. In summer 2015, Brian Winnestaffer and the Transportation Department gave me the opportunity to complete the Construction Equipment Training program at NIT (Northern Industrial Training). I completed the course successfully and found myself enjoying operating many types of equipment. In the years that followed, I helped make good on the Department's personal investment in myself by assisting in completing various construction projects. I was proud to assist in the improvement of the Moose Creek Campground, the Callison Street project, the landscaping and parking improvements at the Administration campus, as well as road improvements on and around Annie's Road, just to name a few.

It took nearly 6 whole years to complete my degree, and in 2017, I graduated with my bachelors of science in Geomatics. I skipped the official university ceremony, and instead spent May 13, 2017, giving thanks to the people who were just as responsible for my success as I was. Without the support I received, I wouldn't have made it far at the university.

In fall 2017, after working another summer for CVTC, I decided to move to Phoenix, Arizona, to get some clearer perspective. Kristina Duncan and I moved in with her mother and father (who accepted me, and has since treated me as their own) while Kristina worked toward her degree in psychology and I enjoyed the better part of a year off from both work and school.

In 2018, I returned to Alaska to work a summer for CVTC Transportation and complete another course at NIT. This time I pursued, and completed, the Professional Truck Driving training program. At the end of the summer I flew back to Phoenix to begin working.

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Human Rights Committee Secretariat

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Attention: Kate Fox/Sindu Thodiyil

TO: The Members of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, 110th Session at the Palais Wilson in Geneva 10 to 14 March 2014

RE: INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA EXAMINATION

ADDENDUM to September 8, 2013

In the 1867 Kostlivtzov Memorandum Descriptive to the Treaty of Cession between Russian and the United States of America, the inhabitants are to be protected from spoliators. Well, the United States became the super-spoilators. There are a series of acts and non-actions.

Diamond Jenness, (1886-1969) Canada's most distinguished anthropologist studied the Arctic Eskimo, traveled and documented the communities and conditions of life. The Churches Dominion over the indigenous communities were established by dividing Alaska amongst the various churches (cult groups), and some include: Presbyterian, Catholic, Russian Orthodox, Moravians, etc. As a child I attended the Seventh Day Adventist Boarding School in Bristol Bay Mission School. My experience was unpleasant. Many of my Aunts, Uncles, my father and many cousins were sent to different boarding schools i.e., a few went to Eklutna Boarding School, a few attended Mt. Edgecumbe, and a few attended the Catholic Boarding School in Tazlina etc...

Power, Crime and Mystification by Steven Box published in 1983.

"Numerous Researchers have produced evidence consistent with the view that criminal law categories are ideological reflections of the interests of particular powerful groups. As such, criminal law categories are resources, tools, instruments, designed and then used to criminalize, demoralize, incapacitate, fracture and sometimes eliminate those problem populations perceived by the powerful to be potentially or actually threatening the existing distribution of power,

#### From Chief Gary Harrison's Desk, Continued

wealth, and privilege. They constitute one, and only one way by which social control over subordinate, but 'resisting' populations is exercised. For once behavior more typically engaged in by subordinate populations has been incorporated into criminal law, then legally sanctioned punishments can be 'justifiably' imposed.

In a society such as ours, populations more likely to be controlled in part

through criminalization." page 7.

"At the same time, crimes of the powerless are revealed and exaggerated, and this serves the interests of the powerful because it legitimizes their control agencies, such as the police and private prison system service, being strengthened materially, technologically, and legally, so that their ability to survey, harass, deter, both specifically and generally, actual and potential resisters to political authority is enhanced." page 6.

All of this is happening in Alaska to the indigenous peoples is covered in the 1987 July U.S. Arctic Research Plan by Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee, Washington, District of Columbia which include:

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Department of Health and Human Services

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National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Office of Science and Technology Policy

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The Arctic Region is recognized as a natural laboratory and maintains an Arctic Investigations Laboratory, page 216. In 1986 serological screened all Alaska Natives and by 1987 80% vaccinated. Babies are still vaccinated with the Hepatitis B Vaccine upon birth. Parents are better educated today on the effects of these vaccines and the contraindications that might occur and some parents are in disagreement with the vaccine schedule that Alaska Native Medical Center and other native health corporations. The Strecker Memorandum show's the relationship of Hepatitis B and A.I.D.S. and how these vaccines could cause A.I.D.S. People don't die from A.I.D.S. people die from cancer and various treatments of cancer and from pneumonia. We have epidemic rates of cancer and pneumonia now. I here the reports as sit on the Board of Directors of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium for the Unaffiliated Tribes.

A People in Peril: A Generation of Despair, a 10 day newspaper series that began February 19, 1988. It was the first in a series of three put out by the Anchorage Daily News and they won a Pulitzer Prize for the 1988 series.

2010 Census. Alaska Natives make up 15% of the population of Alaska.

According to the American Civil Liberties Union-Alaska: Rethinking Alaskas'

Correction Policy: Avoiding an Everyday Crisis: March 2010, page 9: Equal

#### From Chief Gary Harrison's Desk, Continued

Treatment: Alaska Natives comprise twice the proportion of the prison population relative to their proportion of the statewide population.

A nine member Indian Law and Order Commission was established by Congress in 2010 and was directed to report back to Congress and the President on its findings after holding hearings and meetings which included Alaska. The report was released November 2013 and singled out Alaska in a blistering analysis in a 30 page chapter, Ignoring the Government to Government relationship, singling out Alaska, exempting Alaska from full self-governance.

Basically, what is being submitted here is a short synopsis of the systematic destruction of our peoples.

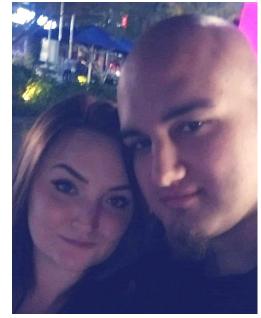
The individual and collective injustice from the mental abuse, to the physical abuse, Spiritual abuse, religious abuse, this Ethnocide is proven with social statistics, the lack of inclusion on matters of environmental development and potential hazards these developments can cause to our fisheries, hunting, gathering, our food security, Subsistence, that we use and rely on physically, Mentally, Spiritually, these lands and territories and waters we have used and navigated since before trading days.

Printed copies of this document are available at the Justice Department or contact skolson@chickaloon-nsn.gov for an emailed copy.

## My Journey by Kaylan Wade, Continued

After 5 months of job hunting, I found work at Maricopa County Assessor's Office Ownership and Mapping division as a GIS Property Technician. Upon arrival I was subjected to a 600 hour training course whose purpose was to convert a layman into a real property title machine. My duties included processing hundreds of the many thousands of title-transferring deeds received by the office on a daily basis, resolving customer inquiries via title chain research and correction, as well as mapping tax parcels according to each parcel's respective legal description to define a taxable square footage used on the treasurer's tax-roll. Following training I entered production and worked diligently at setting myself apart from the others. Here again, I had copious amounts of support at my back from both in the office, and family near and far.

After two months out of training I received a recognition award for my efforts and contribution to the team from management. A year after my hire date, I became increasingly involved in office-wide projects. After the completion of each project, I found myself being hand-picked for another. This continued until I elected to end my time at the office in April 2021.



At this point, having spent 4 years, (more or less), out-of-state I was ready to go home. Kristina and I, despite the covid restrictions, made the pilgrimage by road via Canada and many US states from Phoenix, Arizona, to Palmer, Alaska. Having attained perspective, and a lot of self-reliance based confidence, I am ready to dedicate myself and all I have learned to serving our people, culture, and ideology.

CHICKALOON VILLAGE TRADITIONAL COUNCIL
RECOGNIZES AND AFFIRMS
THAT EVERY CHILD MATTERS.
OUR PRAYERS TO THE INDIVIDUALS AND
FAMILIES OF BOARDING SCHOOLS.

#### **NEVER AGAIN!**



Artist: Carey Newman (Kwakwaka'wakw/Coast Salish)



Canadian boarding school memorial

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